

## PASTOR'S CORNER

September 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus was a great storyteller. In the middle of this weekend's Gospel, we hear the words "when it was evening..." As the skies darken, will this be a symbol for how some people are not going to display bright and clear thinking? Lo and behold, when those who worked all day realized that those who worked only a fraction of that time are given a full day's wage, the all day folks thought they would receive more than a day's pay. When they were given the usual wage, they grumbled against the landowner.

What would it have been like for them had they hoped that the foreman, given the amount of money he was paying those who worked only part of the day, would have enough money to pay the last as well? Would they still have grumbled, or would they have been thankful for getting what had been agreed upon? Would this type of attitude have helped the day long workers to be happy for those who worked fewer hours and were treated generously? Would this kind of thinking reflect more faithfully the way things are in the kingdom of heaven?

This last question prompts us to consider whether we see the kingdom as something that will develop in the future, or do we see it as a reality that we are entrusted to make as much a reality today? At what point in our lives do we get serious about considering what happens at the end of this earthly faith walk? To what degree are we able to let God be God and be thankful for the blessings that we all enjoy?

Our first reading reveals so vividly how we ought to think and believe. Just as in the Gospel, in the first reading, we come to realize God generosity as we reflect on how God will accept the scoundrel and the wicked and display great generosity in forgiving whenever people turn to the Lord for mercy. Likewise, we are reminded that God's thoughts and ways call us to think and act as much like God as possible.

Our Psalm articulates quite well the true nature of God. God is near to all who call upon Him. God is merciful and gracious, of great kindness. God is compassionate toward all God created. It is our privilege to see to what degree we are able to imitate God. It is one way to bring about a bit of heaven here on earth.

The grumblers in the Gospel speak a very profound truth even as they are complaining. They say quite correctly that because of God's generous compassion, all of us are equal in the eyes of God. We have much need for God's healing love and care as long as we set the standards of what people do and when they do it so that we can all be together in heaven. If, once in heaven, we think that someone who sought the Lord not long before getting to heaven doesn't belong there, it will be very evident it is we who don't belong.

We pray that, in the words of our second reading, we might conduct ourselves in a way that we will be greeted at heaven's gate with the words that we did very well in living in a way that is worthy of Jesus.

~Fr. Roman

## LITURGY

**Outdoor Mass** - We will celebrate **outdoor Mass at 7:30am** this Sunday, September 20th. All current guidelines will remain, **including to RSVP** for attendance, to wear a mask, to maintain physical distancing before, during and after Mass, and to bring a chair. [Click here](#) to RSVP. Also, we will continue to live stream Masses at 4:30pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. **Outside Communion will continue this Sunday after the 9am live stream Mass.**

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**Do you have a Wedding Anniversary in September?** Please email or call the parish and provide your name, your spouse's name, the date of your anniversary, and the number of years you've been married. We will post it during the Wedding Anniversaries blessing at the end of all Masses next weekend! Send to: [caroline@divinesavior.com](mailto:caroline@divinesavior.com)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A reminder that anyone who wants to celebrate this Sacrament may call the office, 916-989-7400 and connect with either priest. A mutually acceptable time will be determined for you.

## MANY THANKS

To all parishioners who continue giving thanks to God through the offering of financial donations to our parish. The number using on-line giving has increased nicely. I also want to say how blessed our parish is because two families recently made significantly large contributions.

For those who are not contributing, please consider doing so. With everything that is going on in our world, we can get some relief, comfort and purpose in offering what little or lot we choose.

*"Intense love does not measure, it just gives"*  
Mother Teresa

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Bob Collier                      Rosemary Dubé  
—For these and all the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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CHOCOLATE  
SMOOTH MILK



Fall is upon us and we need your ideas for small faith groups! Check out the [Adult Faith life page](#) on the parish website to find out how to form a small faith group or join one already happening!